A number of fertilizer projects with an estimated capital cost of about Rs.5764.73 crore is under implementation in the country. When commissioned, they are expected to produce an additional 23.32 lakh MTPA of urea and 7.81 lakh MTPA of complex fertilizers. Besides, many investment initiatives for expanding the capacity for fertilizer production have been undertaken by the promoters in the public, cooperative and private sectors.

Voting Right to Indian Emigrants

5994. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up any committee as was promised by him on the floor of the House in the last session to study the question of giving voting right to the Indian emigrants;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which such a committee is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) It has been decided to constitute a committee comprising, inter alia, representatives of the Ministries of Home Affairs, External Affairs, Finance, Human Resource Development, Labour, Law, Urban Affairs & Employment and Commerce to examine the question of dual citizenship. The concerned Ministries have been requested to nominate their representatives. Formal orders constituting the committee are likely to be issued shortly.

Act for management of Dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti

5995. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have enacted any Act for the management of Dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti located at Ajmer;

(b) if so, the date on which this Bill was passed and the salient features of the Act;

(c) whether the Government have received representations for amending this act;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir, The Act is known as the Durgah Khawaja Saheb Act, 1955.

(b) The Act was passed on 14-10-1955. The salient features of the Act are as follows:

(1) The administration, control and management of Durgah of Khawaja Moinuddin Chisti, generally known as Durgah Khawaja Saheb, Ajmer, shall vest in a committee by name of the Durgah Committee which will be body corporate and shall have parpetual succession and a common seal and shall by the said name sue and be sued through its President. The Durgah Committee shall observe Muslim Laws and tenets of the Chishti Saint while exercising its powers and discharging its duties. This Committee shall consist of not less than five and not more than nine members, all Hanafi Muslims, to be appointed by the Central Government. The Durgah Committee will have its term of office for a period of five years.

(2) The Durgah Committee shall elect a President and a Vice-President from amongst its members.

(3) If in the opinion of the Central Government the Committee is guilty of gross mismanagement of the affairs of the Durgah or of neglect in the performance of its functions, the Central Government may supersede the committee and entrust any person with full powers of the Committees until a new Committee is constituted in accordance with the provisions of this said act.

(4) The Central Government in consultation with the Durgah Committee, may appoint a Nazim who shall be ex-officio Secretary of the Durgah Committee. The salary and allowances of Nazim shall be paid from the Revenues of Durgah Endowments at rates fixed by the Central Government.

(5) The Durgah Committee shall exercise its power of a administration, control and management of Durgah Endowment through the Nazim.

(6) There shall be an Advisory Committee for advising the Nazim in discharge of his functions under the said Act consisting of Hanafi Muslims not exceeding seven, to be appointed by the Central Government from amongst the residents of Rajasthan or any of its neighbouring States, in consultation with Chief Commissioner (now Government of Rajasthan)

(7) Remuneration will be paid to Sajjadanashin from the revenues of the Durgah endowment.

(8) the powers to solicit or receive nazars or offerings on behalf of Durgah shall vest in Nazim or any person authorised by him in this behalf.

(9) if any dispute arises between the Committee on the one part and the Sajjadanashin, any Khadim, and any persons claiming to be the servant, of the Durgah under some hereditary right of any one or more of them on the other part and a such dispute does not, in the opinion of the Durgah Committee, relate to any religious usage or custom or to the performance of any religious office, it shall, at the request of either party to the dispute, be referred to a Board of Arbitration consisting of :

(i) a nominee of the Durgah Committee;

(ii) a nominee of the other party to the dispute; and

(iii) a person who holds or has held the office of or is action or has acted as, a district judge, to be appointed by the Central Government, and the award of the Board shall be final and shall not be questioned in any court.

No. suit shall lie in any court in respect of any matter which is required to be referred to a Board of Arbitration.

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) The following amendments have been suggested:

(i) Durgah Committee should include at least two members from Khadim community;

(ii) Durgah Committee should include representatives of the State Government of Rajasthan as they are responsible for maintenance of law and order etc. of the shrine.

(iii) Amendment to the definition of Durgah Endowment to specify various items covered under "Nazar"

(iv) Amendment to Section 10 regarding constitution of Advisory Committee to Nazim to make consultation necessary with Durgah Committee instead of Government of Rajasthan.

(e) The Government has not formulated its view on amendments to the Durgah Khwaja Saheb Act, 1955.

Extra Judicial Atrocities on Dalits

5996. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of extra-judicial atrocities committed on dalits, women and children during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to curb such extra-judicial atrocities including those inflicted on street children to extract confessions by police/village panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Specific information relating to 'extra - judicial atrocities" is not available. However, the incidence of crime committed against scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, women and children during the years 1994 to 1996 was as follows :

Year	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes	Women	Children
1994	33908	5019	98948	5813
1995	32996	5498	105413	5751
1996	30356	4713	105459 (Prov.)	5045

As 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government, on its part, has been writing, from time to time, to the State Governments to be extra vigilant in the matter of prevention of crimes against weaker sections and to effectively utilise the specific laws and legal provisions already in force to check crimes against them.

Assistance to Sugarcane and Millet Research Centre

5997. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugarcane and millet research centres situated at Ratlam district of Madhya Pradesh are not receiving adequate financial assistance;

(b) if so, whether the research work in these centres is hampering as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government to provide adequate financial assistance to these centres?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Indian Council of Agricultural Research does not have any centre at Ratlam district of Madhya Pradesh under All India Coordinated Research Projects on Sugarcane and Millets.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.